

REMARKS

Claims 80 and 90-154 are pending in this application, with claims 80, 117, 147 and 149 being independent. Claim 149 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants thank Examiner Donlon for participating in telephone communications with applicants' representative on December 28th and 30th. During those communications, Examiner Donlon indicated that he would allow claims 149-154 if applicants amended claim 149 as set forth above in the "Amendments to the Claims" section of this response. Examiner Donlon requested this amendment to address some concerns he had regarding the support for previously pending claim 149. Without acquiescing to the merits of the Examiner's concerns, applicants have amended claim 149 to expedite prosecution.

Applicants respectfully request that Examiner Donlon contact applicants' representative prior to issuing a new action.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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